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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN CARDINAL TO VISIT PORTUGAL IN MID-MAY

1. FRANZ CARDINAL KOENIG, HEAD OF CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRIA, TOLD ME TODAY (APRIL 24) IN COURSE OF MY GET-ACQUAINTED CALL ON HIM THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM PORTUGUESE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BISHOPS TO TAKE PART IN FATIMA CEREMONY ON MAY 13. CARDINAL KOENIG EXPLAINED THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO HIM BECAUSE OF HIS LONG YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH COMMUNIST REGIMES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO BRIEF PORTUGUESE BISHOPS ON SAME SUBJECT. CARDINAL'S TRAVEL PLANS AT MOMENT FORESEE DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA MAY 10 AND RETURN MAY 19.

2. CARDINAL KOENIG INDICATED HE DID NOT WANT FOREGOING INFORMATION TO BECOME PUBLIC UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF TRIP AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT USG TREAT IT AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.BUCHANAN

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